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SUBJECT: CUBAN MOOD AGAIN TURNS GRIM ON FISHING MATTERS

1. USINT OFFICER, MAY 16, MET WITH JUAN VAREA, MINISTRY OF FISHING INDUSTRY, AND BIENVENIDO GARCIA, USA DIVISION, MINREX TO DISCUSS FISHERY COMMUNICATIONS MATTERS (SEPTTEL). IN WAKE OF DISCUSSION, VAREA CONTINUED THAT CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON HAD INFORMED HAVANA THAT RESEARCH ACCOMMODATION AS WAY TO HANDLE DIFFICULT ATLANTIC FISHERIES BYCATCH PROBLEM HAD RUN INTO PROBLEMS FROM ONE OF ATLANTIC FISHERY COUNCILS. VAREA SAID BYCATCH PROBLEM, ALONG WITH REGULATIONS GOVERNING FISHERIES IN AREAS OF LOBSTER TRAPS, MAKE ATLANTIC FISHERIES EXTRAORDINARILY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

2. TURNING TO GULF, VAREA SAID THAT GULF COUNCIL HAD RECENTLY MADE CERTAIN DECISIONS REGARDING BAIT, ZONES, AND PROHIBITED DEPTHS FOR GULF SHARK FISHERIES THAT ALSO MADE CUBAN SITUATION VERY DIFFICULT. VAREA SAID CUBANS ARE PREPARING COMMENTS ON GULF REGULATIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO REGIONAL COUNCIL, BUT THAT THEY WANT WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES TO BE AWARE OF THEIR
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CONCERN.

3. COMMENT: AFTER INTERLUDE OF OPTIMISM FOLLOWING SHARK DELEGATION VISIT AND GRANTING OF SHARK QUOTA, CUBAN MOOD ON FISHERIES NOW APPEARS TO BE TURNING GRIM. WHILE THIS IS NOT TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY GIVEN YUR DESIRE TO EXPRESS UNHAPPINESS OVER CUBAN AFRICAN ADVENTURING, IT SHOULD BE

BORNE IN MIND THAT ONE OF FEW INCENTIVES FOR IMPROVED
CUBAN BEHAVIOR VIS-A-VIS US IS POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE
SATISFACTORY ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH US - A POSSIBILITY
WHOSE CREDIBILITY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.
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